Annachattrams might be legitimately used. An examination of the income and expenditure of the Chattram Savings Fund shows that the normal receipts of the fund are in excess of the normal expenditure and that there is scope for utilising a part of the income of the fund for this purpose. The Muzrai Commissioner who was consulted in the matter is also agreeable to a suitable sum being set apart annually for the purpose of helping the old and indigent and suggests that, as it may be difficult and inconvenient to distribute rice and ragi doles to such persons, each of the grantees may be paid in cash at the rate of Rs. 3 per mensem, the selection of the persons eligible for the grant of such doles being made in each district by a committee consisting of the Deputy Commissioner of the District, the District Treasury Officer and three non-official members. Government accept this proposal and direct that the cash allowances may be paid to 140 persons each year at the rate of 25 each in the districts of Bangalore and Mysore and 15 in each of the other districts. The proposal of the Muzrai Commissioner as regards the constitution of the Committee for making the selection of the recipients of the grants and also for seeing to the distribution of the grants is also approved.

The cost during the rest of the current year will be met from the closing balance of the fund.

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DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Live-Stock Section for the year 1937-38.

READ—

Letter No. R. O. C. 534-Hc. 175—38-39, dated 10th October 1938, from the Director of Agriculture, submitting the Administration Report of the Live-Stock Section for the year 1937-38, with his review thereon.

ORDER No. D. 6758-817—A. H. 50-38-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 18TH JANUARY 1939.

Recorded.

2. *Amrit Mahal Section.*—The number of Amrit Mahal herds was reduced by two during the year and one range was abolished. A number of kavals can be spared and the question of their surrender to the Revenue Department for cultivation is under the consideration of Government. The strength of Amrit Mahal herds at the close of the year was 2,765 (2,689) animals.

3. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—The demand for the year, including previous arrears amounting to Rs. 41,152-10-2, was Rs. 79,059-13-6 and the total collection was Rs. 41,492-0-11, leaving a balance of Rs. 37,567-12-7. Landed properties of defaulters which were proceeded against for the recovery of Rs. 17,373-14-8 (exclusive of interest of Rs. 4,249-6-0) are reported to have been surrendered to the Revenue Department for disposal in accordance with the procedure laid down in Government Order No. R. 2434-87—L. R. 199-37-2, dated 25th November 1937. The disposal of these properties by the Revenue Department should be expedited and the arrears realised early. As regards the arrears of Rs. 5,300 due from District Boards, the Director of Agriculture is requested to expedite the submission of the report called for.

4. A total area of 3,381 acres and 15 guntas out of Amrit Mahal Kaval lands in Mysore, Kadur and Tumkur Districts, was surrendered to the Revenue Department. Seven kavals in Chitaldrug District were temporarily thrown open for free grazing by village cattle owing to adverse seasonal conditions. The strength of the

herds with the nine aided cattle breeders was 1,284 at the end of the year against 1,324 at the commencement. The condition of the herds was satisfactory.

5. *Cattle Breeding Stations.*—The number of animals on the cattle breeding stations at the end of the year was 947 against 991 at the commencement and 170 calves (81 bull-calves and 89 heifers) were born during the year. The total mortality during the year was 29. The percentage of births over the average strength of cows was 57·2 (57·7). One hundred and thirty-two animals were sold. It is of interest to note that some of the animals bought and exhibited at the Karnataka Agricultural Show at Belgaum secured the first prize. The proposal of the Director of Agriculture to sell bull-calves at a flat rate of Rs. 50 each to Village Panchayets and private agriculturists was sanctioned by Government. The total number of bulls and bull-calves sold during the year was 23 and 51 respectively, the number given for stud purposes being the highest so far in any year. Purchases were made by a resident in Bombay and also by the Military Department of H. E. H. Nizam's Government.

6. *Dairy Farm, Hebbal.*—The dairy stock was improved during the year. A new hallikar milch herd with a good bull was purchased in place of the old herd which was sold by auction. A young buffalo bull-calf of the jaffarbadi breed was also purchased. A bull, heifer and a cow of the hallikar breed were sent to the All-India Cattle Show held at Delhi in February 1938 and they won the first prize. The total yield of milk of cows in the dairy was 18,595 lbs. The average daily yield was about 12 lbs., the highest individual yield being 17½ lbs.

7. *Sheep Breeding.*—Sheep breeding was, as usual, continued at Hebbal, Yellachihalli and Ajjampur. Out of 12 merino sheep imported during the year from South Africa, eight died of 'heart water,' common in South Africa. Government have recently sanctioned the purchase of 12 merino rams and 15 ewes from the Department of Agriculture and Fishery, Pretoria, at a total cost of Rs. 6,000. Administrative sanction has been accorded by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research to the sheep breeding scheme forwarded by Government. The scheme will be commenced shortly.

The Kolar Sheep Breeders' Association had 166 members during the year against 116 in the previous year. The number of stud rams issued to members was 62 against 52 in the previous year. The strength of sheep under the control of the Association was 10,000 (7,353), of which 1,200 were hybrid progeny, 4,000 white and 4,800 mixed. The number of sheep that were machine-shorn during the year was 12,788 against 11,012 during the previous year. The Association produced and sold 3,491 lbs. of wool. About 142 pieces of woollen goods, shawls, carpets, etc., were manufactured from the different kinds of wool.

The proposal of the Director of Agriculture to start a sheep breeders' association for the Mysore District has been sanctioned by Government.

8. *Poultry Farming.*—Poultry farming was continued during the year at Hebbal and Ajjampur and a farm was opened at Nagenahalli in September 1937. The number of birds maintained at the close of the year on all the farms was 663 against 353, at the commencement. The total egg production was 23,541. Several birds laid over 200 eggs during the year with an 'A' grade percentage as high as 86. Birds were sold to the Rural Welfare Centre at Closepet and to Village Panchayets and private individuals. The demand for birds and fertile eggs for breeding purposes was so great that in many cases the requests could not be complied with in spite of increasing the stock. Several times during the year fertile eggs were sold to distant places as Trivandrum and Jodhpur.

To satisfy the increased demand, the proposals of the Director of Agriculture to start poultry-farming at five more centres noted in the margin were sanctioned by Government.

1. Chikmagalur.
2. Shimoga.
3. Chikkanahally School (Sira Taluk).
4. Hassan.
5. Rural Welfare Centre at Closepet).

The Nagenahally poultry farm which was started in September 1937, for Rhode Island birds is reported to be working successfully during the year.

It is gratifying to note that this industry has become very popular in a comparatively short time.

9. The work of the department continued to be satisfactory.

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Development Department.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Administration Reports of the District Boards in Mysore during the year 1937-38.

READ—

Reports on the working of the several District Boards in the State during the year 1937-38, received from the Presidents of the District Boards.

ORDER No. L. 5710-32—L. B. 52-38-9, DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH JANUARY 1939.

Recorded.

2. There were eight District Boards as in previous years. Orders were issued during the year directing the bifurcation of the Mysore District Board with headquarters at Mysore and Mandya with effect from 1st September 1939. Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddi, President, District Board, Kolar, having resigned, Mr. V. Venkataswami Chetti, Vice-President was elected President in his place and Mr. S. Ramappa was elected Vice-President.

As in the previous year, there were 295 members, of whom 199 were elected, 60 were non-officials nominated by Government, and the remaining 36 were *ex-officio* members as shown in Statement I. The District Boards held 40 (51) meetings during the year and the average attendance at each meeting was 27·15 (28·13) non-officials and 3·27 (2·81) officials, or 30·42 (30·94) in all, against an average strength of 36·9 for each District Board.

The Standing Committees of the Kolar, Bangalore and Chitaldrug District Boards held 10, 8 and 6 meetings respectively, while the number of meetings held by those of Kadur and Tumkur were 5 and 4 respectively. The Standing Committees of the Mysore and Hassan District Boards met three times during the year and the Committee for Shimoga held only two meetings.

3. *Finance.*—The opening balance of the District Boards at the beginning of the year was [minus Rs. 39,879 and the income and expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 22,59,892 (Rs. 31,31,094) and Rs. 22,01,656 (Rs. 35,69,055) respectively, as noted below :—

	Income.	*Expenditure.*
	Rs.	Rs.
A. Ordinary Items ...	14,46,814	14,58,607
B. Investment Account ...	1,93,927	1,25,815
C. Debt Heads :—		
(a) Loans ...	1,16,366	1,320
(b) Deposits ...	55,994	55,652
(c) Advances ...	21,427	37,732
(d) Drinking Water Wells Fund ...	29,933	29,831
(e) Other Items ...	3,92,431	4,92,699
Total ...	22,59,892	22,01,656

The abnormal decrease in the total receipts and expenditure as compared with those of the previous year is due to (i) the Mysore District Board raising last year a debenture loan of Rs. 7 lakhs and repaying the loan of a like amount taken by it from the Government in connection with the Nanjangud-Chamarajnagar Railway and (ii) the Bangalore and Chitaldrug District Boards withdrawing